(ബി) ഈ വെയിറ്റിങ്ങ് ഷെഡ്ഡിൽ യാത്രക്കാക്ക് ഇരിക്കുവാൻ വല്ല സൌകര്യവും ചെയ്യിട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(സി) മേല്പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി വല്ല അവലാതികളും ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിലേക്ക കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(ഡി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതേവരെ അക്കാര്യത്തിന്ന് ഒരു നിവൃത്തിവരുത്താത്തതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണു് ?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):*

(എ) ഉദ്ദേശം ഒന്നര കൊല്ലം.

(ബി) ഇല്ല.

(സി) ഇല്ല.

(ഡി) മറുപടി ആവശ്യമില്ല.

SHORTAGE OF WEIGHT—FAIR PRICE SHOPS—SUGAR, JAGGERY, ETC.

441. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the attention of the Government been drawn to reports in certain newspapers regarding shortage in weight of sugar, jaggery, etc., sold from Fair Price shops.

(*b*) what action has been taken in the matter ?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) & (*b*) It is not possible to give a definite reply without particulars of the paper and the article.

NELLIAMPATHIS—CULTIVATION—PARTICULARS OF

442. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many acres of land were cultivated with cholam, ragi, field beans and potatoes in the Nelliampathi Government cultivation since Meenam 1121 ;

(*b*) when were they cultivated and when were they harvested ;

(*c*) what is the total quantity of harvest gathered from each of those cultivations ;

(*d*) how do they compare with the cultivation and harvests gathered from similar enterprises in the previous years ;

(*e*) at what season cholam, ragi, field beans are usually sown ?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):*

(*a*) Cholam has been cultivated in 22 acres, ragi in 127 acres, field beans (Lablab) 23 acres, and potatoes in 71 acres in 3 rounds.

	Name of crop	*Time of planting*	*Time of harvest*
(*b*)	Cholam	April/May 1946	August 1946
	Ragi	May 1946	September 1946
	Field beans	May/June 1946	Not harvested as the crop failed due to too much rain
	Potatoes (28 acres)	April 1946	August 1946
	Do. 2 ,,	July 1946	November 1946
	Do. 41 ,,	September 1946	January 1947
(*c*)	Cholam		No yield was obtained as the crop failed due to too much rain

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Ragi		500 paras
Field beans		Not harvested as the crop failed due to too much rain
Potatoes (28 acres)		3½ tons
Do.	2 „	1¾ „
Do.	41 „	24½ „

(*d*) The acreage and results of previous cultivation of the varieties are shown below.—

Cholam	It has not been cultivated in the farm before
Ragi (15 acres)	233 paras
Field beans	It has not been cultivated before
Potatoes (50 acres)	27 tons
Do. 85 „	31 „
Do. 75 „	30 „

(*e*)

Cholam	April—May
Ragi	May—June
Field beans	May—June

ROAD NEAR KUNNAMKULAM SIRKAR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

443. **Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is not the road running east to west just in front of the Sirkar Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam too narrow with very deep gutters on either side;

(*b*) is not that road very unsafe for young school going children to travel, when there is vehicular traffic;

(*c*) is not that road very muddy with deep ruts during rainy season?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):*

(*a*) The road is somewhat narrow but the gutters are not very deep. Steps are being taken to widen and metal the road.

(*b*) The road cannot be considered as unsafe.

(*c*) It becomes muddy during heavy rains.

Mr. President: Order, order, the time for questions and answers is over.

2. Raising a Point of Order

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I raise a point of order, Sir. Yesterday, when it was announced that the undisposed part of Government business of yesterday will be carried over to to-day, and papers in accordance with that were distributed, I just put forward a suggestion to the Hon'ble Chair to understand why this encroachment upon the time allotted for non-official business was made. It is on that, that my point of order was raised. The paper on this encroachment reads like this:—

"Under S O.6 (1) of the Cochin Legislative Council Standing Orders, the Diwan has been pleased to direct that the official business left over at the conclusion of the sitting of the Council on 17th April 1947 will be taken up on Friday, 18th April 1947—that is to-day—a day set apart completely for non-official business—The non-official business posted for Friday will be taken up after the conclusion of official business on that day or on Saturday, the 19th April 1947—that is an encroachment upon so much of our time allotted for non-official business and that is of a long nature—if the official business does not terminate on Friday". So there is a further anticipation that the whole of Friday will be taken up for Government business and so on. Now no argument is necessary Sir, to show that this is an encroachment made by Government at the instance of the Diwan, upon the time—2 days—Friday and tomorrow—Saturday—set apart entirely for non-official business—which is to the extent three important Bills for introduction and as many as 160 resolutions most of them important—some of them slightly less so, that being the extent and volume of non-official business.

Mr. President: May I know what exactly is the point of order raised by the Hon'ble Member?.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The point of order raised here is this that nobody has any right to encroach upon the time originally set apart for non-official business for the conduct of official business and in support of that I may be permitted to invite your kind attention to Standing Order 6(1) which reads like this:—

"The Diwan after considering the state of business of the Council shall, at the commencement of each meeting, allot as many days as are in his opinion compatible with public interest for the business of the non-official members in the Council and may allot different days for the

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